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1. SUMMARY. FRG IS NOW SOUNDING OUT ITS EC PARTNERS
ON HOW FAR THE COMMUNITY WILL GO IN MEETING THE REQUESTS
OF THE ASEAN COUNTRIES AS REPORTED REFTEL B. A MAJOR
QUESTION AT THIS POINT IS WHETHER A JOINT COMMUNIQUE
WILL BE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE NOVEMBER MINISTERIAL
MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. FONOFF SOURCE REVIEWED THE ADDITIONAL AGENDA
ITEM REQUESTS MADE BY THE ASEAN AMBASSADORS AT THE
JULY 11 MEETING IN BRUSSELS (REF. B). WHILE THE EC
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HAS NOT TAKEN A POSITION ON THESE ITEMS, SOURCE
FELT THAT TRADE ITEM COULD SATISFACTORILY BE
INCORPORATED IN THE GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON
INTERNATIONAL AND POLITICAL ISSUES. SIMILARLY, THE
FINANCIAL COOPERATION ISSUE COULD BE INCLUDED IN THE
FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF EC/ASEAN RELATIONS ITEM.
SOURCE MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION, THAT ASEAN MAY

BE ASKING FOR ACCESS TO EIB CAPITAL, WHICH IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. ON THE UMBRELLA COOPERATION AGREEMENT, SOURCE FORESEES A LONG POSTPONEMENT OF THE ISSUE.

3. EC MEMBER STATES ARE CURRENTLY DEBATING WHETHER OR NOT A COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE ISSUED. THE FRG AGREES WITH THE ASEAN MEMBERS THAT THIS WOULD BE USEFUL. FRANCE BELIEVES THE COMMUNIQUE IDEA GOES TOO FAR, GIVING TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE TO THE EVENT. THE FRENCH FEAR THAT NEXT THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WILL DEMAND THE SAME TREATMENT.

4. COMMENT: BECAUSE THE EC/ASEAN MINISTERIAL WAS AT FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S INITIATIVE, THE FRG IS TRYING HARD TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS. FOREIGN OFFICE IS VERY PLEASED WITH PROGRESS TO DATE. END COMMENT. MEEHAN

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